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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 8548 ACTION SECSTATE 27 JUN 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 8548

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJ: JAPANESE ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCE POLICY

FOR SECRETARY FROM ENDERS

1. IN 14 HOURS OF TALKS TODAY JAPANESE OFFICIALS (MITI MINISTER KOMOTO, FINANCE VICE MINISTER YOSHIDA, FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MIYAZAKI) MADE CLEAR THEIR MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE(MSP). THERE IS NO MINISTERIAL CONSENSUS, THEY SAID, PERMITTING THEM TO BEGIN A PROCESS WHICH LOGICALLY WOULD LEAD TO A REQUEST TO THE DIET FOR IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. THEY VERY MUCH DOUBT SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD PASS. THEREFORE THEY WANT TO LEAVE THE MARCH 20 AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE AS IS.

2. I REPLIED THAT MSP IS AN INDISPENSIBLE ELEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE
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SOURCES POLICY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST IMPORTANT. R AND D

WOULD ULTIMATELY HAVE A PARAMOUNT EFFECT. BUT IF TOKYO REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE POLICY SERIOUSLY, WHOLE IEA PROGRAM WOULD BE AT RISK, FOR IT WOULD BE CLEAR THAT NO BALANCE OF ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES COULD BE NEGOTIATED IN THIS OR OTHER FIELDS. ON OTHER HAND; IF THEY ENGAGE, WE CAN BE ACCOMMODATING ON TIMETABLE.

3. JAPANESE OFFICIALS TOOK THIS POINT. THEY WILL NOW CONSULT MINISTERS. THEY PREDICT A NEGATIVE DECISION.

4. I ASKED TO BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE SO THAT I COULD SEEK YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF TOKYO SAYS IT IS UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON THE KEY ISSUES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE FACED IN ORDER TO REACH FORMAL AGREEMENT ON MSP AT A LATER DATE. IF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO GOVERNING BOARD CAN ONLY ACCEPT SOME COSMETIC SOLUTION WITH NO COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, I WILL RECOMMEND THAT YOU SUSPEND OR SHORTEN THE MEETING.

5. MEETING WAS NONCONTENTIOUS AND BUSINESS LIKE.

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